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Rt. Rev. José A. Gonzalez, Bishop of Cuba
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Dear Bishop Gonzalez:

Dr. V. Nelle Bellamy, of the Church Historical Society, has kindly informed me of your request for biographical information concerning the Reverend Edward Kenney, which she received through Bishop Mosley's office. I am happy to say that the Maryland Diocesan Archives contain much valuable material regarding Mr. Kenney's life and the early Church mission in Cuba, principally spanning the years 1865 to 1879, from the time he was preparing for the Ministry, through his transfer to the Diocese of Long Island.

With the aid of our index to the collection, I was able to put my hand immediately on thirty-five letters by Mr. Kenney; twenty-one letters by other persons mentioning him and the Mission in Cuba; five testimonials on his behalf as a candidate for Orders; and twelve miscellaneous printed items concerning the Cuban Mission in the 1870's. I also found a note of mine that a good many of Mr. Kenney's letters are still in the unindexed portion of Bishop Whittingham's Papers and I shall endeavor to find these within the next few days. Additional references by third persons would be more difficult to locate.

It would be possible to xerox some or all of this material, though the cost might be rather substantial in the latter case, as the papers are voluminous. As soon as I am more fully informed as to your wishes, I could give a specific idea of the costs of reproduction.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

F. Garner Ranney
Archivist of the Diocese of Maryland

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